

# Animal Care News

*Animal Care News at The College of Animal Welfare (CAW)...*

## Congratulations...

To the following CAW students for completing their animal care qualifications:

### **NVQ Level 2 in Animal Care**

Joseph Attard, Charlotte Coggins, Claire Collinson, Taylor West

### **NVQ Level 3 in Animal Care**

Kelly Davies

### **Advanced Apprenticeship - QCF Level 3**

#### **Diploma in Land-Based Animal Care**

Hilary Marshall

#### **City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate for Dog**

#### **Grooming Assistants**

Melanie Batterbee, Stacy Bowyer, Gudrun Morris, Amy Wellman

### **Advanced National Diploma in Animal**

#### **Management**

Haydn Charter

### **Advanced National Certificate in Animal**

#### **Management**

Faron Brown

And congratulations to the following QCF Level 3 Diploma in Land-Based Animal Care students for passing their Module 505: Cornelia Boon, Laura Bullock, Tamsyn Flint, Lisa George, Joleen Gibbs, Helen Goodwin, Elisa Iles, Hilary Marshall, Emily Redman, Nicola Rixson, Linda Robertson, Claire Thomas and Heather Turnbull.

## Animal Care Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships in Animal Care at The College of Animal Welfare are designed to be flexible and tailored to the needs of the student and employer. Being work-based means that there is no attendance required at College, instead one of the College's assessors will come out to your place of work to assess and support you.

There are various pathways that can be taken, as follows:

### **Level 2 Pathways**

- Animal Care and Welfare
- Zoos/Wildlife Establishments
- Dog Grooming
- Pet Care and Retail
- Animal Training

### **Level 3 Pathways**

- Animal Care and Welfare
- Zoos/Wildlife Establishments
- Dog Grooming
- Pet Care and Retail
- Animal Training
- Dog/Animal Wardens

Apprenticeships in Horse Care, Veterinary Nursing and Customer Service are also available. To find out more call the College on 0844 372 9410 or visit [www.caw.ac.uk](http://www.caw.ac.uk).

## UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS OF PET RETREAT APPEAL

Following a nationwide search launched on BBC Breakfast television, radio stations and publications including the Sun by the RSPCA to find addition PetRetreat fosterers, RSPCA staff were delighted in the response they received.

Over 1000 applications have been received which is set to dramatically boost the number of PetRetreat fosterers throughout England and Wales.

PetRetreat manager Carolyn Southwell said: "The response to the appeal has been absolutely amazing and I am thrilled that so many people out there have come forward to help. My heartfelt thanks go to every single person who applied.

"We hope that this will enable us to help more victims of domestic violence flee their harrowing situation safe in the knowledge that their pets are being well looked after."

RSPCA PetRetreat temporarily looks after cats and dogs belonging to victims of domestic abuse. It provides foster care for the animals until they can be reunited in a safe and secure new home.

If you think you could be a PetRetreat fosterer, please call 0300 123 8000 or log onto [www.rspca.org.uk/petretreat](http://www.rspca.org.uk/petretreat).

## THE HORSE TRUST CELEBRATES BEING THE 2011 SHOW CHARITY AT OLYMPIA

Equine welfare charity The Horse Trust is delighted to have been chosen to be the official show charity at the 2011 London International Horse Show at Olympia.

"We are thrilled to have been selected by Olympia as their official charity this year - it's the best present we could have wished for to celebrate our 125th anniversary," said Jeanette Allen, Chief Executive of The Horse Trust. "We hope to raise much-needed funds, which will be put towards the work we do with retired working horses, ponies and donkeys and equines that have been rescued, neglected or abandoned."

The Horse Trust will receive 50p from every ticket sold for the afternoon performance on Thursday 15th December. They will also run the Shopping Drop-Off Point throughout the Olympia Horse Show, where shoppers can leave any items of shopping so that they can enjoy the performance in comfort. A donation will be made per item and all money will go to The Horse Trust.

To book tickets for the Thursday afternoon show, go to [www.olympiahorseshow.com](http://www.olympiahorseshow.com) or contact the box office on 0871 230 5580.

The Horse Trust hopes to recruit a number of volunteers that can travel to Olympia to help out at the show. To find out more information about volunteering at Olympia, contact The Horse Trust on 01494 488464 or [info@horsetrust.org.uk](mailto:info@horsetrust.org.uk).

Over the coming months, The Horse Trust will be running a number of competitions where people can win tickets to Olympia. Keep an eye on The Horse Trust's website ([www.horsetrust.org.uk](http://www.horsetrust.org.uk)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/horsetrust](http://www.facebook.com/horsetrust)) for more information.



*Photo courtesy of Olympia/Kit Houghton*

**[www.tptimes.com](http://www.tptimes.com)**

## THE BRITISH CARRIAGE DOG SOCIETY

The British Carriage Dog Society exists to help preserve the working heritage of the Dalmatian as a coaching dog. In past centuries Dalmatians would often accompany horses and carriages on their travels. They acted as guards and decoration, protected the passengers, reassured the horses and killed vermin in the stables each night. The Dalmatian is an endurance dog and its efficient trot enables it to cover long distances without tiring.



The Society runs the annual national Carriage Dog Trials. The trials test and demonstrate the Dalmatian's traditional role as a companion to ridden and driven horses. The trials demand both control and fitness, as dogs are judged on their obedience and capacity for endurance.

It is both an endurance and obedience event and all competing dogs must do a basic obedience test alongside their handler's horse or carriage. The aim of the obedience test is to replicate, as far as possible, modern horse and carriage working environments, where the dog must be under the handler's control at all times. The endurance element tests each competing Dalmatian's stamina and capacity for work. It is essential that the dog shows willingness and enjoyment of its work throughout the trial.

So, the trials comprise an obedience and an endurance test for the dog, and includes vet checks.

These are the distances and times (with the US equivalent) for each class:

Awards	Distance	Max Time Allowed	Veterinary Check	US Equivalent
Coaching Certificate	Nil	N/A	N/A	Coaching Certificate
Bronze	10km	80 Mins	Start	None
Silver	20km	3 Hrs	Start, 10km and Finish	Road Dog
Gold	40km	6 Hrs	Start, 20 km and Finish	Road Dog Excellent

### Kelly Evans story

Level 2 Animal Care student at The College of Animal Welfare, Kelly Evans, started competing at the annual national Carriage Dog Trials during its second year in 2004 with her Dalmatian 'Disco', and her Danish Knabstrupper horse 'Jonas'. Kelly says that she never acquired a Dalmatian they acquired her, she was born into the established family of 'Tyrodal', where her parents are heavily involved in improving, breeding, showing and training of the Dalmatian. She had also competed with her horses from the age of thirteen in a range of spheres from the pony club eventing team up to Grade B show jumping.

So when the Carriage dog trials were brought to the UK in 2003 it was a dream come true for her, enabling her to bring both her passion and ability of horses and Dalmatians together, and show what the Dalmatian was capable of other than just the 'show dog'!

Kelly won with Disco (Dominica Of Tyrodal) on three consecutive years where she received the Road Dog Champion title, which to this date is an unbeaten title. Her husband was soon to get hooked, and after teaching him to ride her powerful show jumper Jonas, he competed with his bitch 'Molly' (Tyrodal Abbydal Heaven Leigh), they both went on to win the Road Dog Championship for two consecutive years, other titles they have won in the Trials are probably too numerous to mention! Kelly is also a judge for the British Carriage Dog Society and an ex committee member.

The training begins with the 'Dally' from six months of age by getting them accustomed to the horse, but like a Collie with sheep the Dalmatian has the natural instinct to 'follow and be with the horse'. Obedience work is essential from an early age..... if you can't command and instruct your dog from the ground, you won't stand a chance six foot up in the saddle from the back of your horse! Bicycle work is another essential part of their training when they have matured to help in teaching them to follow you alongside and having respect for the bicycle wheels.... which would then translate to the back of your horse and their hoofs. It is important for your horse to respect the dog. Another essential part of training/working your Dalmatian with the horse is for the dog to be able to jump on to your horses shoulder so that you are able to put on/remove their lead when out on ridden work, it also enables you to praise your dog as well as reassure.

Watch Kelly with her horse and Dalmatian via the link [www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNwsZpWrNfc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNwsZpWrNfc). Visit the British Carriage Dog Society website at [www.carriagedog.org](http://www.carriagedog.org).

